

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

FY15 COO Irrigation

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: FY15 COO Irrigation		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement conservation practices which:	
2. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from on-farm agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
3. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
6. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer "Yes" or "No" to the following Questions:	
1. Will the application result in the installation of microirrigation on an HEL field or hydrologic group A soil? (100 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the resource concern located in a priority watershed, as identified in the "Local Working Group task Guide"? (65 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The application includes micro-irrigation which will assist the producer to reduce excess nutrients and organics in surface water from a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body? (TMDL, 303D, etc.) (40 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the planned micro-irrigation system the first irrigation water management system for this farm? (60 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the planned micro-irrigation system replacing overhead irrigation that has been previously used at least once in the last 5 years? (70 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Which statement best describes the applicant's current Irrigation Water management. (Select the one that best describes the current situation.)	
6. The applicant has a WRITTEN irrigation water management plan and they are currently performing irrigation water management on the application acres. If so, Irrigation Water Management (449) should NOT be included in the application. (20 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. The applicant follows irrigation water management principles (like soil moisture testing, etc.), but lacks a written irrigation water management plan. If so, Irrigation Water Management (449) should be included in the application. (10 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. The applicant does not manage their irrigation water at all OR the applicant does not have any installed irrigation systems. If so, Irrigation Water Management (449) should be included in the application. (0 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant have a Farm Bill contract, that is: (Answer one of the following?)	
9. The applicant's first NRCS implementation contract for AMA or EQIP? (45 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Completed and not terminated or cancelled? (25 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Currently on schedule? (15 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Not on schedule, cancelled or terminated? (0 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer "Yes" or "No" to Questions 1-2:	
1. Will at least 90% of the planned micro-irrigated crops under this application be marketed within a 100 mile radius? (40 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the micro-irrigation planned in existing fields with a cropping history and do at least 75% of the	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

total micro-irrigated acres included within this application contain soil map units that are well drained, somewhat excessively drained or excessively drained? (50 points)	
Is the planned micro-irrigation system an expansion of an existing micro-irrigation system or a new system? (Answer one of the following)	
3. New (30 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Expansion (15 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer "Yes" or "No":	
5. Is there an existing Irrigation Water Management Plan in place that meets NRCS standards and specifications? (30 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
What percentage of the planned micro-irrigation will be located on HEL and/or hydrologic group A soils? (Note: You may only select "Yes" to one of the following questions, if micro-irrigation (441) is included in the application).	
6. 100-76% (100 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 75-51% (75 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. 50-26% (40 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. 25-0% (0 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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